

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO MINORS; AMENDING CHAPTER 15, TITLE 18, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 18-1524, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PRO-
3 VIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE USE OF TANNING DEVICES BY
4 MINORS, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT A TANNING FACILITY FROM
5 CLAIMING THAT USE OF TANNING DEVICES IS FREE FROM RISK, TO PROVIDE FOR
6 PENALTIES AND TO PROVIDE A SCOPE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 15, Title 18, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
11 ignated as Section 18-1524, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 18-1524. USE OF TANNING DEVICES BY MINORS. (1) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Tanning device" means equipment that emits electromagnetic radia-
14 tion with wavelengths in the air between two hundred (200) and four hun-
15 dred (400) nanometers used for tanning of the skin including, but not
16 limited to, a sunlamp, tanning booth or tanning bed.

17 (b) "Tanning device" does not include:

18 (i) Devices used solely by an owner and the immediate family of an
19 owner in a private residence; or

20 (ii) Devices used to apply chemicals to the skin to achieve a
21 bronze color, commonly referred to as spray-on, mist-on or sunless
22 tans.

23 (c) "Tanning facility" means any location at which a tanning device is
24 used or offered for use for a fee or charge, whether or not a separate
25 payment is charged for the use or the right to use a tanning device is
26 included in a membership fee. These locations may include, but are not
27 limited to, commercial tanning salons, public or private gyms or work-
28 out facilities, spas, apartment or housing complex community areas and
29 dormitories.

30 (2) No minor age fifteen (15) years or younger may use a tanning device,
31 and no person may use a tanning device on a minor age fifteen (15) years or
32 younger unless such use is authorized by prescription from a licensed medi-
33 cal provider to treat a medical condition.

34 (3) No minor between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age may
35 use a tanning device and no person may use a tanning device on a minor be-
36 tween sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age unless such minor's par-
37 ent or legal guardian provides in-person consent or the use is authorized
38 by prescription from a licensed medical provider to treat a medical condi-
39 tion. For the purposes of this subsection, "in-person consent" means that
40 a parent or legal guardian of a minor between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18)
41 years appears in person at the time of the minor's initial use of a tanning
42 device within a consecutive twelve (12) month period and signs a written con-

1 sent form in the presence of the owner or an employee of the tanning facility.
2 The minor's parent or legal guardian may withdraw this consent in writing
3 at any time. Unless withdrawn, this consent shall be valid for twelve (12)
4 months from the date the written consent form is signed, unless the parent or
5 guardian specifies a shorter duration on the written consent form. Before
6 a minor between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age may use a tan-
7 ning device after the expiration of a written consent, a new written consent
8 that meets all of the requirements of the first consent must be obtained. The
9 written consent form required in this subsection shall state that the parent
10 or legal guardian has read and understood the warnings given by the tanning
11 facility, consents to the minor's use of a tanning device and agrees that
12 the minor will use protective eyewear provided by the tanning facility. The
13 written consent form described in this subsection shall be on paper with di-
14 mensions not less than eight and one-half (8.5) inches by eleven (11) inches
15 and be clear, legible and include the following provisions:

16 (a) "DANGER - ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION FROM TANNING DEVICES IS KNOWN TO
17 CAUSE CANCER IN HUMANS" in letters of at least sixteen (16) point bold
18 font on the same page as the parent or legal guardian's signature;

19 (b) "Exposure to ultraviolet radiation is known to cause skin cancer,
20 including potentially fatal malignant melanoma, as well as serious
21 eye and skin injury including, but not limited to, wrinkling, dryness,
22 fragility and bruising of the skin."; and

23 (c) A section for the parent or legal guardian to specify the number of
24 times the minor may use a tanning device per week, as well as the total
25 number of times a minor may use a tanning device during the period for
26 which the consent is valid.

27 (4) A minor authorized to use a tanning device pursuant to this section
28 shall be limited to not more than two (2) uses of tanning devices per week and
29 not more than one (1) use within a twenty-four (24) hour period, unless a par-
30 ent or legal guardian provides stricter limits on the written consent form
31 required by this section. The parent or legal guardian of the minor may also
32 limit the total number of uses of a tanning device for the period of the writ-
33 ten consent by setting such limits on the written consent form.

34 (5) The age of any person suspected to be a minor shall be verified by
35 the owner or employee of a tanning facility. Proof of age shall be satisfied
36 with a government issued identification or document containing the date of
37 birth of the individual including, but not limited to, a driver's license,
38 passport or birth certificate.

39 (6) It shall be unlawful for a minor to provide false identification or
40 make any false statement regarding his or her age in an attempt to use a tan-
41 ning device.

42 (7) A tanning facility or an owner or an employee of a tanning facility
43 shall not make verbal claims or advertise or distribute promotional materi-
44 als that claim in any way that a tanning device is free from risk.

45 (8) Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of
46 a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100). If
47 there is a subsequent violation of the provisions of this section within one
48 (1) year of the initial violation, such person shall be fined three hundred
49 dollars (\$300). For all other subsequent violations, such person shall be

1 fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) and not more than one thou-
2 sand dollars (\$1,000). Provided however:

3 (a) An employee in violation of the provisions of this section shall
4 not be guilty if such employee, prior to allowing a minor to use a tan-
5 ning device, requested, examined and reasonably relied upon an identi-
6 fication form from the minor falsely establishing that minor's age as at
7 least eighteen (18) years of age; and

8 (b) An owner of a tanning facility shall not be in violation of the pro-
9 visions of this section if such owner can show that an employee believed
10 to be in violation was trained to understand the provisions of this sec-
11 tion and directed to comply with the provisions hereof. Proof of that
12 training and direction may be satisfied with a form signed by such em-
13 ployee stating that the employee understands the requirements of this
14 section and agrees to comply with them.

15 (9) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit local units
16 of government from passing ordinances that are more stringent than the pro-
17 visions of this section.